

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2016-217-T ORDER NO. 2016-78-H

AUGUST 12, 2016

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Application of Westbrook Charleston, LLC for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Operation of Motor Vehicle Carrier

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- 1) Request to withdraw original motion for appearance of witness by telephone;**
- 2) Motion for leave to present testimony at trial by telephone deposition or, in the alternative, by remote video link**

STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

- 1) The Applicant Westbrook Charleston, LLC ("the Company") originally moved for leave to present its shipper witness testimony at trial by telephone. However, the Company now requests leave to withdraw that Motion. Leave to withdraw this Motion is granted.**
- 2) The Company now moves that the Commission grant it leave to either a) take its shipper witness's (Mr. Tucker Payne's) testimony in a telephone deposition for use at trial, or b) allow Mr. Payne to testify at the hearing by remote video link, whichever arrangement proves more practicable. The Company has consulted with counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff, and is informed that that agency will take no position on this Motion. The Motion is granted in the alternative, as filed. If the deposition is taken, it may be taken at such time or place, and may cover such subjects as may be agreed upon by the parties, although the deposition should discussion of the public convenience and necessity criterion found in the household goods certification statute and regulation. Counsel for the Company shall notify the Commission at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hearing as to which alternative that the Company selected, so that appropriate arrangements can be made should the Company choose the remote video link option.**